

November 15, 2003

A special meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order, pursuant to notice, by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber. The following Councilmembers were present: Cole, Dorning, McCormick, Paine, Plackett, and Robinson.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS FOR REDMOND CITY COUNCIL POSITION NO.
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Mayor Ives announced that the starting time for the special meeting on Monday, November 17, 2003, has been changed to 7:00 p.m. rather than 7:30 p.m.

Councilmember Paine stated that because the Council has taken no official action about the actual selection process of the next councilmember and Robert's Rules of Order will prove very unwieldy and, probably, unsuccessful, and because he believes the candidates and the public deserve to know the process before the interviews, he would make the following motion:

Motion by Mr. Paine, after the interviews are completed, a special meeting of the Council would be held on November 25, 2003 to vote for the candidate to fill the open position. The process will be as such that in the first round, each councilmember would vote for three candidates privately so as not to influence each other's vote. The tallying would take place publicly so that each member's vote is made public at that time. The following vote would be between the top two vote getters. With the winner becoming our next councilmember. All ties would be broken by the Mayor. There would be no Executive Session unless someone has determined that a person is legally, morally or ethically disqualified. Councilmembers would adhere to Sunshine Laws and not discuss the candidates in private.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Cole proposed that the Council continue the interviews as scheduled on Monday, November 17, 2003, and that the Council hold an executive session to discuss candidate qualifications on Monday, November 24, 2003. He concluded that the Council would appoint the new councilmember at a special meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2003. The Council discussed whether or not to hold an executive session.

Each candidate was given approximately five minutes to introduce himself or herself.

Councilmembers asked the following questions (or like questions) of candidates Michael Toomey, David Wobker, Jim Pierce, and Christine Discoe, and listened to their responses:

- What is the issue(s) that you want to work on while a member of the Redmond City Council?
- How would you persuade other members of the Council to vote to support your position on an issue?
- Please share a learning experience specific to your background (either through your education, work, or community activities). (For the two former councilmembers, the following question was also asked: Since you have left the Council, how have your perspectives changed?)
- What are your thoughts about the Growth Management Act? What do you perceive as the strengths or weaknesses of Redmond's land use plan?
- What adjective would you use to describe your fiscal philosophy and what are your views on local taxation?
- Outside of your family and friends, what is your passion in life?
- Do you believe that the citizens of Redmond feel that they are receiving value for the taxes/regulatory requirements imposed by the city? How do you personally feel about Redmond's services - do you feel that Redmond over taxes or over regulates?
- What is your definition of leadership? Please name two people who you admire as leaders.

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- Why did you decide not to run for office? (This question was only asked of candidates that did not run for office during the 2003 election.)
- If you had an opportunity to appoint someone to the Redmond City Council, who would you appoint and why?
- Is there anything else that you would like the Council to consider?

RECESS

The Mayor recessed the special meeting at 9:55 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the special meeting at 11:01 a.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK